

Iowa Chronic Absenteeism Advisory Council

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pappajohn Higher Education Center, 1200 Grand Ave., Des Moines

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. **Welcome:** Linda Fandel, Special Assistant For Education, Branstad-Reynolds Administration, and Council Facilitator

10:05 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. **Chart a Course for Student Success:** Hedy Nai-Lin Chang, Attendance Works Executive Director, followed by questions from the Council

12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Box lunch, with lunch continuing during our next session

12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. **How Three Iowa School Districts Keep Chronic Absences in Check:** Martha Bruckner, Council Bluffs Community School District Superintendent, Mike Pardun, Denison Community School District Superintendent, and Joel Pedersen, Cardinal Community School District Superintendent, followed by questions from the Council

1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Community Partners Can Help Improve School Attendance:** Marvin DeJean, Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families Executive Director, Jean Kresse, United Ways of Iowa Board Chair, Becky Miles-Polka, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Senior Consultant/Iowa Lead, and Arlene McAtee, Mid-Iowa Community Action Executive Director, followed by questions from the Council

2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. **A Possible Framework for Increasing Public Awareness:** Charles Bruner, Child & Family Policy Center Emeritus Founding Executive Director, and Amy Williamson, Iowa Department of Education Bureau of School Improvement Chief, with time for questions

2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Council Large Group Discussion:** What Are Council's Next Steps?